

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A disposable single-use applicator assembly, comprising:
2 a hermetically sealed package containing a fluid to be dispensed;
3 said package comprising a flexible or non-flexible material that defines a fluid
4 holding interior of said package;
5 an applicator for dispensing said fluid, said applicator having a handle and a fluid
6 holding element at a first end portion of said handle;
7 said fluid holding element being disposed in said package interior and surrounded by
8 said package material;
9 a hermetic closure between a first end portion of said package and an intermediate
10 portion of said handle;
11 a second end portion of said handle extending clear of said package; ~~and~~
12 said package having a breakable portion proximate to said hermetic closure to allow
13 said fluid holding element to be uncovered for use; and
14 said breakable portion comprising a frangible seal formed in said package material
15 that allows said package material to be broken.

1 Claim 2 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said handle second end portion is relatively thin in one dimension and relatively
3 wide in another dimension and includes a location for applying a name, trademark or other
4 identifier.

1 Claim 3 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said handle second end portion includes a hole or other opening to facilitate
3 placement of said applicator assembly on a display hook.

1 Claim 4 (previously presented): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance
2 with claim 1 wherein said handle second end portion includes a grip enhancing surface.

1 Claim 5 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said handle intermediate portion is defined by relatively flat first and second
3 surfaces and non-tapered sides that facilitate formation of said hermetic closure.

1 Claim 6 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said hermetic closure comprises one of an adhesive bond or ultrasonic weld bond.

1 Claim 7 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said fluid holding element comprises a urethane foam material.

1 Claim 8 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said breakable portion is oriented at an oblique angle relative to said hermetic
3 closure.

1 Claim 9 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said breakable portion is spaced from said hermetic closure by a distance sufficient
3 to form a drip cup after said breakable portion is broken and said fluid holding element is
4 withdrawn from said package.

1 Claim 10 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein said breakable portion comprises a strip seal.

1 Claim 11 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly, comprising:
2 a package adapted to hold a fluid to be dispensed;
3 an applicator for dispensing a fluid, said applicator having a handle and a fluid
4 holding element at a first end portion of said handle;
5 said fluid holding element being disposed in said package;
6 an opening in said package adapted to accept introduction of a fluid into said
7 package and on to said fluid holding element;
8 a hermetic closure between a first end portion of said package and an intermediate

9 portion of said handle;
10 a second end portion of said handle extending clear of said package; and
11 said package having a breakable portion proximate to said hermetic closure to allow
12 said fluid holding element to be uncovered for use.

1 Claim 12 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said handle second end portion is relatively thin in one dimension and relatively
3 wide in another dimension and includes a location for applying a name, trademark or other
4 identifier.

1 Claim 13 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said handle second end portion includes a hole or other opening to facilitate
3 placement of said applicator assembly on a display hook.

1 Claim 14 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said handle second end portion includes means a grip enhancing surface.

1 Claim 15 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said handle intermediate portion is defined by relatively flat first and second
3 surfaces and non-tapered sides that facilitate formation of said hermetic closure.

1 Claim 16 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said hermetic closure comprises one of an adhesive bond or ultrasonic weld
3 bond.

1 Claim 17 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said fluid holding element comprises a urethane foam material.

1 Claim 18 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said breakable portion is oriented at an oblique angle relative to said hermetic

3 closure.

1 Claim 19 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said breakable portion is spaced from said hermetic closure by a distance
3 sufficient to form a drip cup after said breakable portion is broken and said fluid holding
4 element is withdrawn from said package.

1 Claim 20 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said breakable portion comprises a strip seal.

1 Claim 21 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said opening in said package comprises an open end portion of said package.

1 Claim 22 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 21 wherein said package tapers outwardly from said hermetic closure to said open end
3 portion.

1 Claim 23 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said package comprises one or more seamed material sheets.

1 Claim 24 (original): A disposable single-use applicator assembly in accordance with claim
2 11 wherein said handle is apertured to facilitate attachment of said fluid holding element
3 thereto.

1 Claim 25 (original): A method for producing a disposable single-use applicator assembly
2 charged with a dispensable fluid comprising:
3 selecting an uncharged disposable single-use applicator assembly, comprising:
4 a package adapted to hold a fluid to be dispensed;
5 an applicator for dispensing a fluid, said applicator having a handle and a fluid
6 holding element at a first end portion of said handle;

7 said fluid holding element being disposed in said package;
8 an opening in said package adapted to accept introduction of a fluid into said
9 package and on to said fluid holding element;
10 a hermetic closure between a first end portion of said package and an intermediate
11 portion of said handle;
12 a second end portion of said handle extending clear of said package; and
13 said package having a breakable portion proximate to said hermetic closure to allow
14 said fluid holding element to be uncovered for use;
15 charging said applicator assembly with a dispensable fluid by introducing said fluid
16 into said package via said package opening; and
17 sealing said package opening.